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SUBJECT: UNESCO/UNEP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE,
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1. FOLLOWING REPRESENTS SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD AT
UNESCO LAST WEEK AND ATTENDED BY STAFF OF UNESCO AND
UNEP AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USSR. THE MEETING WAS
COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE DG OBJECTED TOO LATE
TO INCLUDING THE HOST COUNTRY IN THE MEETING AND THAT
THE USSR SENT A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE MEETING.
IN VIEW OF THE MOOD IN THE SECRETARIAT SECTION AT
PRESENT TIME, USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE PROTECTION OF THE
SOURCE OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY THE
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2. THE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

/1. OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

2. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

3. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

4. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND RAPPORTEUR-GENERAL

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN, VICE-CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEURS

7. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

8. ROLE OF EDUCATION IN FACING THE CHALLENGES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

9. CURRENT EFFORTS AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

10. STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL:

(A) GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH FORMAL AND NONFORMAL EDUCATION;

(B) ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (INCLUDING IN-SERVICE EDUCATION) OF PARTICULAR PROFESSIONAL GROUPS WHOSE ACTIONS AND DECISIONS HAVE IMPLICATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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11. REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: NEEDS AND MODALITIES

12. ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

13. CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE

3. CHAPTERS ARE BEING WRITTEN BY UNESCO SECRETARIAT ON ITEMS 7-11 OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA. IN ORDER TO LEND CREDENCE TO THESE CHAPTERS AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, UNESCO WOULD LIKE TO ASSEMBLE A GROUP OF SIX EXPERTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN PARIS THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. MEMBERS WOULD COME FROM THE US, USSR, AFRICA, ARABIA, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA. FOR THIS PURPOSE, UNESCO WANTS BY TONIGHT THREE NAMES THAT CAN BE PRESENTED TO THE ADG FOR HIS CONSIDERATION AND SELECTION OF ONE.

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4. AMONG THE MEAGER RESULTS OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING
EMERGES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN
OCTOBER 14 VICE 16 AND LAST FOR 12 DAYS RATHER THAN 10.
INVITATIONS TO MINISTRIES WILL BE SENT OUT ABOUT MID-
APRIL.

5. THERE WAS NO STRONG PUSH BY UNEP FOR A MEETING OF
NGO'S CONCURRENT WITH THE CONFERENCE. THE GENERAL
FEELING WAS THAT 100 NGO'S HAVE BEEN INVITED AND IF
THEY WANT TO HOLD A PARALLEL MEETING, THAT IS NONE OF
UNESCO'S BUSINESS. INCIDENTALLY, VICTOR JOHNSON, AL-
THOUGH PRESENT, DID NOT HEAD THE UNEP DELEGATION.
EVTEEV (USSR) WAS THE LEADER.

6. UNEP IS HOLDING A MEETING IN GENEVA THIS WEEK TO
WORK UP AN ACTION PLAN FOR A PRESENTATION AT THE CON-
FERENCE AND FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES.

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7. THE DG HAS AGREED TO HOLD A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL PERMDELS TO UNESCO IN ADVANCE OF THE CONFERENCE.
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